



Duluth Township Newsletter

Duluth Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org

November 2013

What's Coming Up?

Senior Cooperative Housing in our Township Information meeting Nov. 6th at 6:30pm, Town Hall (see article).

Handicap Accessible Door is to be installed at the Town Hall.

New Tables—lighter weight tables are being purchased for the Town Hall and replacement head tables are being constructed. Old tables will be sold by Homesteaders.

Surveillance Cameras have been installed around the Town Hall because of recent vandalism. (see article)

Conservation Easements

Jordan Vandal, Asst Area Fisheries Supervisor, MNDNR

Last June, Duluth Area Fisheries was funded to hire a Conservation Easement Specialist to inspect and monitor our conservation easements. Some landowners received a letter about an upcoming monitoring inspection. MNDNR has 530 miles of public fishing easements along MN trout streams, some 150 easements in the Duluth area, and it is growing as we identify and acquire easements for conservation and stewardship. Our goal is proactive easement education on proper management and use of easements. If you have questions call Steven Speltz or me at the Duluth Area Fisheries Office (5351 North Shore Dr) 525-0853.

The Homesteaders

Rose Vastila

November 6th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Potluck and Turkey bingo.

December 4th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Pot luck with North Shore School Choir presentation.

January 2nd, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Potluck and bingo.

Everyone is welcome.

For information call : Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

Homesteaders has 6' and 8' **folding tables for sale** (used at Town Hall). Call Bill Aho to make an offer (525-7415).

Senior Housing in Duluth Township

The senior housing initiative envisioned in our Township's *Comprehensive Plan* is moving ahead. Those initially signed up (a refundable \$500 application saves a place in line) met Oct. 2nd with Dave Hanson to begin discussions of preferences in building site and features. Potential sites are being reviewed.

A public information meeting is on November 6th at 6:30pm in the Town Hall. *Everyone welcome!* Dave Hanson of *Realife*, who is working with the Township group, sent out a mailer announcing this meeting and providing some ideas to consider.

If you would like to be notified of these meetings, leave a message for Mary Ann Sironen at 525-5705.

Our thanks to **Michelle Libby** and **Tera Freese** for their work as co-coordinators of our Continuing Education program. They are retiring from the position. The Township is advertising to fill the coordinator position (see article).

File to run for Town Supervisor. Two positions will be on the ballot in March. Candidates need to file at the Town Hall during office hours from Dec 31st to 5pm January 14th.

Other Community Events

Turkey Bingo. With food, etc. Nov. 24th 6-8pm. Proceeds go toward Steve O'Neil Apartments (formerly CHUM emergency family shelter). At French River Lutheran Church, 5210 Ryan Rd.

Scandinavian Festival and *Olde World Goodies*, Sat. Dec 14th 9-3. Swedish Smorgasbord \$12. 11-2. at French River Lutheran Church, 5210 Ryan Rd.

Thanks to all contributors to this issue

Anne and Beth Aspoas, Jody Anderson, Sue Baker, Valerie Brady, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Kathy Johnson, Sue Lawson, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Kevin Pettis, Sherry Rovig, Mary Ann Sironen, Jo Thompson, Jordan Vandal, Rose Vastila and our webmaster Linda Holliday.

Road Work Update
Supervisor, Dave Miller

It has been a busy summer! Due to the wet spring, we have been a little behind in our planned road work this summer. We have concentrated on replacing culverts, ditching and completed the carryover FEMA work from last year. We have completed the following to date:

- Installed 3 cross culverts on W. Wildwood and started ditching.
- Completed FEMA work on Gamble and Johnson Roads
- Replaced culverts on Greenwood and England Roads

We plan on completing the following work this year:

- Replacing 5 additional culverts.
- Complete ditching on W. Wildwood Road
- Complete work around culvert on Greenwood Rd
- Fall grading of all the roads.

Thank you for your patience as we have been catching up on our work. At the end of the summer we will have completed all the work we had planned.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Barnes & Noble Benefit for NSCS Library

Barb Jackson, NSCS Librarian

Mark your calendars...the next Barnes & Noble book fair is scheduled for **January 25th**. A percentage of everything purchased that day will be donated to the school library. Just mention the fair at the checkout. Thank you for your loyal support of the library.

VOLUNTEERING

Residents who step up and volunteer to help out or serve a term in office made our Township a great place to live. We owe a lot to those on the Town Board and Planning Commission for their willingness to handle OUR Township business.

Why not consider volunteering yourself? You could start by attending some Town meetings to see how our business is handled and to support those who have volunteered. There are lots of volunteer opportunities!

Web/Newsletter List of Township Artists, Musicians and Craftspersons

If you would be interested in putting together a list of local artists, musicians and craftspersons, please leave a message 525-5705 or editor@duluthtownship.org.

Township Business List Update

We need to update our Township business listing. It is published in the Newsletter and listed on our Township web site...all free in support of local businesses.

If you see that your listing is out of date or if your business (formal or informal) is not on the current list, let the editor know with a message at the Town Hall 525-5705 or email to editor@duluthtownship.org. Otherwise, you'll eventually get a call to confirm the information!

Duluth Township Recreation Corner
Kevin Pettis, Recreation Coordinator

The winter season is upon us and that means that skating is right around the corner. The warming house hours will be the same as last year and will be posted on the outside of the new warming center. I will be talking with local residents and the Clifton Volunteer Fire Department who all have been so helpful in the past to try to establish a flooding schedule. I do have to ask all residents this year to refrain from parking next to the warming house building. That area has to be kept open for safety reasons. We have a new parking lot beside the pleasure skating rink that should be utilized by everyone using the facility. Parking behind the school beside the Morton building is also prohibited. If there are any questions with this you can call me at 525-0663 ext 301 or email me at recreationcoordinator@duluthtownship.org.

We will have an outside PortaPotty available on site once the season begins.

Community Center Ground Rules for all seasons are currently being developed and will be posted once all details have been agreed to by ABC Inc., NSCS and the Township. It is strongly recommended that all participants wear helmets while playing hockey.

We are also entering a busy time of year and the NSCS Community Center is open for rentals. Please reserve your time 2 weeks prior to the event that you are planning since set-up time needs to be arranged with the school. Call me at 830-0052 if you are interested in renting space in the NSCS Community Center. Have a safe Thanksgiving and remember to drive safely as winter is approaching us here in the Northland.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department
Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

Annual Harvest Dinner a success!! Thanks!

The annual benefit for our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department has become a much anticipated and well attended event. The winning combination of great home-cooked food, plentiful door prizes, and outstanding music and atmosphere are made possible by the efforts and donations of many.

A special thank you to all the good neighbors who contributed those tasty desserts and vegetables for the sauce; the New Scenic Café and others for the great door prizes; Alakef Coffee; the music maders: Louisa and Bob Fabro, Fran Kaliher and her group; our fabulous kitchen crew: Pat Halvorson, Judith Torrence, Tricia O'Keefe, Mary Ann Daniel, Rita Bergstadt, Barb Crow, JoAnn Norgren, Lynn Brasgala, Jody Andereson, and Sherry Rovig; and the good folks who stayed after for cleanup.

Thank you Clover Valley 4-H!

The Clover Valley 4-H club made a great improvement on the landscaping by our sign at Hall 1 on Ryan Road. Rabbits, deer and weeds had taken a toll on the existing plantings and the club has made it better than ever! Thank you.

Note: The regular Fire/EMS business and training meeting days have been changed to the **1st and 3rd TUESDAY**.

Duluth Township Knitters
*"Helping to Build Community,
 one Stitch at a Time"*



Come meet your knitting neighbors and share skills and ideas or just see what we're up to. On the second Tuesday of each month we will meet at noon for a potluck lunch, followed by knitting until about 2:30pm.

The next meetings are Nov 12th and Dec 10th at the Town Hall. If you would like more information or would like to be added to the Knitters email list, contact Jo Thompson at 525-5854 or woodfarm1785@gmail.com.

Police Department
 Shawn Padden, Chief

In August and September our officers responded to 190 calls for service. Among the more frequent were 66 requested vacation home/business checks, 25 citations/warnings for traffic violations, 13 attempts to locate careless/DWI drivers (including 3 for road rage), 8 health/welfare checks, 8 response to burglar alarms and 4 fire alarms (plus one business burglary), 10 suspicious activity/vehicles, 5 medical emergencies, and 5 animal complaints. There was one suicide and one attempted suicide. Our Township web site has a full list of police response events. You can sign up for email notification of serious crimes in your area on the Township site.



**Please practice Fire Arm Safety
 and Hunting Courtesy.**

Note: If you need/want/expect a police squad to respond immediately, call **911**. Other than 911, the quickest way to get our police response is to leave a message on our squad phone (393-8407). We may work 5 days in a row, but may not always get into the office during that time. Our main office where we spend 90% of our time is in our squad vehicle.

Reminder

Your dogs are not allowed to roam beyond your own yard unless they are on a leash and under your control. There have been a number of complaints about dogs on the loose, chasing hikers, bikers and deer.

Surveillance Cameras have been installed around our Town Hall in response to recent vandalism at the recycling shed and illegal garbage dumping incidents. Cameras record 24/7 and can be used to identify vandals.

Watch out for children and bicycles!

"Use Agreement" for School Property

As of August 26th, the 40 acre grounds and building of North Shore Community School are now the property of ABC Inc. Over the last 11 years or so it has been our Township's *Community Center* (rented to NSCS in order to save the school). Over the years, the Township has upgraded the property from rental payments plus Township and NSCS grants (e.g. new roof, added 3 classrooms and office, energy efficient windows, removal of asbestos and new floor covering, safety upgrades, warming house and skating/hockey rinks, picnic pavilion outdoor toilet, improved athletic fields, maintenance equipment, trail upgrades, etc.). Changes in State law now permit charter school affiliated building corporations (ABC's) to own school property. Law changes also prevent charter schools from giving enrollment preference to local children. Last spring the school asked the Township to transfer the property to ABC Inc. This would permit ABC Inc. to mortgage the property and develop a construction program to replace current portable classrooms.

By law, a Township can not "give" taxpayer property to a school or private corporation but has to receive "significant value" in return. Instead of selling the property (insured value \$6+ million), it was agreed the Township would receive the continued "use" of the building and grounds for community purposes (public recreation programs, community education, and other community uses) in perpetuity and without cost to the Township. The conditions of use are given in a "Use Agreement" that was signed by ABC Inc, the NSCS Board, and the Town Board. A copy of this and the purchase agreement is posted on our Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org.

In general, community use is permitted after school hours and in the summer break. Day to day arrangements to schedule use by the community are handled by staff. If there are larger concerns or financial requests, these are handled by a newly formed **Joint Use Committee** (JUC) of 5 members, 1 from NSCS, 1 from ABC Inc, 2 from our Township and 1 non-affiliated member that is picked by the other members. It meets as necessary. Its first organizing meeting was October 16th and the second on October 23rd. If the JUC cannot reach agreement or by a member's request, items can be referred to the appointing boards for negotiation and decisions. The Township may decide to share the cost of items to the extent that they benefit Township citizens in general (although, again, the Township can not legally contribute financially to support a school). The Township can charge fees to cover the cost of things like the recreation program and can rent fields/gym/pavilion etc. during community-use times. (Contact Kevin Pettis, at 525-0663 ext 301 or email him at:

recreationcoordinator@duluthtownship.org.)

JUC meetings are public, are required to be posted, and minutes are taken. We look forward to a continued shared use of this fine property.

Pre-school News

"Early Learning Sticks Like Glue"
 Kathy Johnson

Both morning (9:15-11:30) and afternoon (12:15-2:30) sessions are offered on Tues, Wed and Thurs. Children ages 3-5 may attend 1, 2 or 3 days per week. There are openings in some classes.

The registration fee is \$30. There is a monthly tuition charge plus a \$25.00 annual supply fee. Limited scholarships are available. For more information, please contact Kathy Johnson at 834-5429 or 525-0663 x106.

Country Kids Day Care, 525-1073

Infants to School Age, Licensed
 Bus to NSCS & Lakewood Schools
 Accepting Full and Part Time

Paid Advertisement

Community Youth
 Groups

- Clifton 4-H Club:** call
 Kate Edblom, 525-1276
- Cub Scouts:** call
 David Hooley, 525-6617
- Boy Scouts:** call Chris
 Roningen 525-5308
- Girl Scouts:** call
 Julie Igo, 726-4710

(Note: If other community service groups should be listed, please contact the Editor at the Town Hall.)

WAGGIN' Tails
 Boarding Kennels
 Long & short term boarding
 Reservations Required
 218-525-4842
 7002 App Rd.
 Two Harbors

Paid Advertisement

JOBS WANTED

For our Township Youth

An effort to match up residents who have work suitable for our youth with youth in the Township who may want a job.

Seeking Jobs

- Mature, hard working, experienced 12 year old looking for work (yard work, cleaning, mowing, pretty much any chores). Just call Bridger at 525-0090.
- Allison, age 17, home 525-9065. I am interested in doing the following jobs: babysitting, mowing, raking, gardening, painting, pet watching and walking.
- Ryan, age 13, is looking for work. He is interested in yard work and babysitting. Call 525-9065.

Advertise for free: For Township youth (under 25yrs) who are seeking work and Township residents who need help with various jobs suitable for youth (babysitting, lawn, garden, maintenance, snow shoveling, house cleaning, etc.).

Leave your ad & contact information at the Town Hall or leave a message 525-5705 or email: editor@duluthtownship.org

(The next Newsletter is January, deadline Dec. 23rd)

What You Can Do About Stormwater

Anything you can do to slow water entering streams and ditches will help, such as leaving vegetation in ditches and avoiding mowing ditches. Leave plenty of unmowed buffer around streams. The Township is being required to monitor building sites where an acre or more of land is disturbed to be sure that stormwater protections are in place. Please report eroding ditches or construction sites that have erosion problems.

Our Township is required to submit an annual MS4 Stormwater report each year. Thanks to resident Valerie Brady and Jo Thompson for working on this report.

THE LIGHTHOUSE
 Casual Riverside Dining AT Emily's

**Open at 11am
 Wed. thru Sun. ,
 Closed Mon. and
 Tues.**

Wed: All you can eat **fish fry**; Thurs: **Swedish meatballs**;
Fri: **Cook's choice fish specialty**, live music Fri. and Sat. 6-8;
Sun: Full **Turkey dinner** w/all trimmings

Takeout available. www.lighthouseatemilys.com
 834-2501 • 218 Scenic Drive, Knife River

Paid Advertisement

Want your mower-tiller-snow-blower out of the garage?
BUILD A TOOL SHED, raised garden beds, etc.
 with rough lumber from our local saw mill.
 Call George Sundstrom **525-5655**

Paid Advertisement

**NORTH COUNTRY
 LAND SURVEYOR, INC.**

**Anthony Lueck
 Surveyor**

GPS
 Drafting
 Mapping
 Property Lines

Minnesota/Wisconsin
 MN.LIC. 24587 / WI.LIC. 2366
 BUS.TELE. 218-348-8037
anthonylueck@northlc.com

6098 Ryan Road
 Duluth, MN 55804

Paid advertisement

Courtney Kappes
Northshoredaycaremn.com
 Tel: 218-522-0123
courtneykappes@msn.com

Accepts full/part time children of all ages
 Hours: 7am to 5pm Mon-Fri
 Small group size
 Convenient location
 Your child's adventure awaits...

Paid Advertisement

NOW OPEN – CAPE SUPERIOR BOTTLE SHOP

Your friendly neighborhood bottle shop!

Located in the **Cape Superior Inn**—5133 North Shore Dr
 Mon.- Sat. 12:00-8:00pm.

Wine, beer, liquor, pop & ice. *Special occasion?*
 We will make up a gift basket for you!! *In a hurry?*
 Call ahead and we'll have your order ready to go.
 Weekly tasting events!

218-525-3340 or www.capesuperiorbottleshop.com

Paid Advertisement



Supervisors Barb Crow, Dave Miller, Mary Ann Sironen, Don Sitter, and Mary Anne Daniel

Summary of Town Board Meetings

(Official minutes by Town Clerk Ann Cox are available at the Town Hall and on our Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org).

August 8th regular meeting. All Supervisors attended. Posted communication agreements were reviewed. The July 11th and 15th minutes and agenda were approved. **Main Actions:** The closing date for transfer of community center property to ABC Inc was postponed from Sept 12th to Aug 26th.

Discussion: County Commissioner Pete Stauber talked about ideas in preliminary discussion to turn back roads to townships. The Treasurer reported July deposits of \$2,590.45, expenditures of \$50,140.46 for an ending balance of \$1,082,474.20. Fire: we have a new Alden Twp member, Scott Ankley. Planning: Attorney Tim Strom was thanked for his presentation on variances, land use permits are coming in steadily, the final plat for Odyssey's Stoney Point subdivision has not been filed thus far, the variance on increasing impervious surface limits at NSCS was approved. Recreation: the storage shed will be finished by school time, the JUC will consider rules for grounds use once the property transfer has taken place. Community Ed: School facility use is handled under the "use agreement" (see article in this Newsletter). We need to keep track of usage. Town Hall: Hall-front meeting desks are being replaced. ADA accessible entry was discussed, planning funds allocated for a new door, entry and ramp area. Communication: a new copier was installed; we need an IT person to help maintain Township computers.

August 26th special meeting. All Supervisors attended. Also present were George Sundstrom and Phil Strom from ABC Inc, Town Attorney Tim Strom and Clerk of Town, Ann Cox. Chair Sironen turned meeting over to Tim Strom to handle the Community Center closing. Documents had been reviewed and are in order for signing. Various transfer and legal costs were described (deed tax \$2500, legal \$2500, possible auditor statement \$3000. Johnson Control contract, Township MPL account closed, no outstanding taxes or assessments). The Town Board authorized the Town Clerk and Board Chair to sign transfer documents and to attend to any further matters unless they are deemed to need a special meeting. Transfer documents were signed by ABC Inc and the Town of Duluth. ABC Inc board members Strom and Sundstrom thanked the Town Board and Town Attorney for their hard work.

Note that the "Purchase Agreement" and "Use Agreement" are posted on the Township web site.

September 12th regular meeting. Supervisors Barb Crow, Mary Ann Sironen, Don Sitter, Mary Anne Daniel, and Dave Miller attended. Also present were Carolyn Marino, Dale Sohlstrom, Wayne Dahlberg, Dave Edblom, George Sundstrom, Phil Strom, Darcie Rolf and Judy Sundstrom. Approved Aug. 8th minutes and agenda. **Main Actions:** A motion was approved to keep \$50,000 of the Township capital improvement fund at Lake Bank and

move the remainder to North Shore Bank for a better interest rate. Approved places of deposit need to be revisited to see if we might earn a better interest rate. It was unanimously approved to appoint Mary Ann Sironen and Dave Miller as interim 3-month positions as Town representatives on the 5-member Joint Use Committee (JOC) to be revisited at the January 2014 Town Board meeting. Records to keep track of value/use of the Community Center facility (by event/date/numbers of people, duration). Funds were approved to complete the warming house. **Discussion:** Dale Solstrom presented a mock-up of the desks which will be suitable for 5 Supervisors or 7 Planning Commission members or as a single buffet table for Town Hall rentals and the Homesteaders. Don Sitter and Dale Solstrom will continue with the project. Community Center: ABC Inc representatives Strom and Sundstrom requested \$150,000 and \$450,000 in Township funds for ABC's school building construction projects. It was pointed out that the process of proposing projects is laid out in the "Use Agreement" that ABC Inc, NSCS, and the Town signed Aug 26th (see these documents posted on the Township web site). The Joint Use Committee (JUC) has yet to be formed. An agenda item at this Board meeting is to appoint the two Township representatives to the Joint Use Committee as stated in the use agreement. ABC Inc and NSCS also need to appoint representatives and the four need to pick the fifth member. By law, Town funds can not be given to a school but have to be tied to a public town use. It was noted that when 3 of the 5 JUC members are present the open meeting law requires prior posting of their meeting. Town rights to use the building as a community center will continue with no name change right now. The Joint Use Committee (JOC) decision-making process was summarized from the signed document. Community Ed: Both CE Coordinators have submitted their resignations. Recreation: Receipts continue to be put in the Township community center fund. Excess railroad ties and fencing can be given away. Emails about renting the facility are being sent to NSCS. Our Volunteer Fire Dept may occasionally participate in sprinkling and rink flooding but only if it fits into a training need. It was agreed that fire and EMS volunteers are not a Township maintenance crew. Town Hall: rental form changes were approved. Supervisor Crow will review the 2014 Township insurance documents. Security cameras were approved following another instance of vandalism. The Town Hall entrance will be upgraded to ADA accessible. Homesteaders were interested in having new/ lighter tables purchased.

The Next regular Town Board meetings:
(2nd Thurs at 7pm in the Town Hall) Nov. 14th and Dec. 12th



Residents **Mary Tennis** and **Stacey LaVres** have provided planting and caring for beautiful plantings at the front and side doors of our Town Hall.

Thank you for the beauty and your volunteering over the years!



Horses in the Township

Duluth Township enjoys quite a number of horse aficionados and many horses. Its about time that they are noted in our Newsletter, not that various horse owners haven't

been asked to write something! So, asking around, one person was often suggested as the best to give an overview: Anne Aspoas, owner of *Aspen Ridge Stables* on the Hegberg Road. Anne and her sister, Beth, took time to give a tour of her facility and talked about some of the events and styles in the business which started around 1980. Her hope is to help people realize their dreams in owning and riding horses.

Aspen Ridge Stables (www.aspenstables.com) provides schooling for clients from novice to experienced and any age (currently 8 to 71), in the more formal dressage style and jumping. Training and events are conducted all year. Special riding events and clinics are hosted where renowned trainers such as Fred Kappler (Nov 16-17) provide training and demonstrations. Olympic-level coach, Jim Graham, has conducted August clinics here since 1987 and these have drawn people from all over the upper Midwest and Canada. Aspen Ridge trainers conduct classes for some 20 students using their own horses (which often are stabled on site) or school horses. Over the years a number of students have achieved national recognition for their riding skills. There are riding trails and competition events as well.

The Township has been the site of some notable riding events over the years. Several years ago it was estimated that horse activities in the Duluth area generated some \$10 million in economic impact! Our Township has several important riding and boarding stables including **Prospect Farms** (www.prospectfarms.com), plus many residents have their own horses and stables.

Apparently there is no Township horse-owner association. It is hoped that others in the Township will come forward to tell some of the history and current facilities that are available for horse lovers/owners.

Ride around the Township and appreciate some of our equestrian inhabitants.

A note of caution, horses are sometimes scared by bicycles so approach with respect and care!



CE Coordinator

Supervisor Don Sitter

Both of our Community Education coordinators have tendered their resignations effective for the end of the year. A big thank you goes to both Michelle Libby and Tera Freese for their time and efforts in helping to coordinate the activities for the Township. Fall classes will continue as scheduled. Going forward, we will be re-evaluating the program and possibly doing another survey to assist us in making sure the community's needs are being met. Stay tuned for further information.

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings
(Official minutes by Planning Secretary Beth Mullan are available on our Township web site www.duluthtownship.org)

August 22nd regular meeting. Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, Jo Thompson, Paul Voge and Larry Zanko attended. Minutes and agenda were approved. **Discussion:** P&Z Director Sue Lawson reported that construction is beginning on the Bieraugel property by Bluebird Landing. The Bieraugel's got a variance before they sold the property. Stoney Point development is still waiting for their final plat approval. Trails: This is an important goal in our Comprehensive Plan. There has been no response from ARDC Metropolitan Interstate Council on requests for trail information. However, Clint Little of the DNR Coastal Program will consult with us. He has worked with Cloquet on their trails. It was again noted that people riding/walking on roads is dangerous. The Township was unable to get flashing caution lights on the Ryan Road near the school. The next steps are to find out about existing trails in the Township (e.g. *Korkki Nordic, North Shore State Trail, Knife River Trail*). Funding may be available for planning and construction. There are many rivers with few crossings so some bridges may be needed. Public interest in trails could be included in a Township survey. Congdon Trust Shoreland: John Schifsky met with Bob Bruce who was a city planner. The hope is to develop a way to work together to address lakeshore concerns. Township Brochure: Brigid Pajunen is working on this. Senior Housing: Jo Thompson reported on the resident/Realife meeting. Stormwater Management. The MS4 stormwater requirements are going to change and it will be more complicated. Ordinance changes may be necessary and we may have to hire a stormwater person to implement requirements. MPCA is offering training on new rules (*Jo Thompson and Val Brady will attend*).

September 26th regular meeting. Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, Brigid Pajunen, John Shifsky, Jo Thompson, and Paul Voge attended. Also present at P&Z meetings were Zoning Administrator Sue Lawson, Town Board liaison Don Sitter and Clerk Ann Cox. The agenda and Aug 6th and 22nd minutes were approved. **Discussion:** Clint Little, DNR Coastal Program, discussed resources available for planning trails. He is willing to work with the Township to work on a grant and provide maps of known, existing trails. There are also opportunities for community construction projects. The Township received a grant for a culvert inventory GPS. There will be considerable work to do on new stormwater management rules required by PCA. An application is required by December and it appears to require townships to be enforcers of stormwater rules. Most townships do not have the expertise or personnel.

NOTE: Nov/Dec combined meeting date will be announced at the Town Hall and on our web site (*regular meeting dates conflict with holidays*).

The Next Planning Committee meetings (4th Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall): (*Nov/Dec meeting to be announced*)
Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.

Duluth Township Information — 2013

Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804
 Phone (218) 525-5705 (voice message),
 web site: www.duluthtownship.org or
 email: TownHall@duluthtownship.org

Town Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9am-noon
 Thurs 2-6pm, Fri 9-11am

Planning Office Hours: No posted hours

Call the Town Hall for an appointment: 525-5705

Supervisors:

Barbara Crow (2011-2014) 525-0489
 or Email: BarbaraCrow@duluthtownship.org
(Primary contact for Personnel, Finance/Banks, Insurance, Town Hall; Alternate: Comm Ctr, Env. Stewardsp, Planning and Zoning, Senior Housing).

Mary Anne Daniel, (2012-2013) 260-9123 or Email:
MaryAnneDaniel@duluthtownship.org
(Primary contact for Fire, Cemetery, Emergency Preparedness, Police; Alternate: Communications).

Dave Miller (2011-2014) 525-1555 **Vice Chair**
 or Email: DaveMiller@duluthtownship.org
(Primary contact for Roads, Community Ctr/Facilities, N Shore Mgmt Bd, Env. Stewardship; Alternate: Community Ed & Recreation).

Mary Ann Sironen, (2012-2015) **Chair** 525-2010
 or Email: MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org
(Primary contact for Communications, Senior Hsg, Community Ed/Rec, DNSSD Materials mgmt; Alternate: Emergency Preparedness).

Don Sitter (2013-2016) 525-4138
 or Email: DonSitter@duluthtownship.org
(Primary contact for Planning and Zoning, Town Hall; Alternate: North Shore Mgmt Bd, Personnel).

Town Clerk: **Ann K. Cox** 525-5705 (Town Hall)
 or Email: TownClerk@duluthtownship.org

Treasurer: **Janet Johansen** 525-5705 (Town Hall)
 or Email: TownTreasurer@duluthtownship.org

Attorney: **Tim Strom** 722-4766 (office)
 or Email: TownAttorney@duluthtownship.org

Cemetery Sexton: **Molly Tillotson** 218-525-6933
 or Email: Cemetery@duluthtownship.org

Planning Director: **Sue Lawson** messages: 525-5705

Planning and Zoning Secretary: **Beth Mullan**
 Email: PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org

Planning and Zoning Commission: **Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge** (Mar2015), **Brigid Pajunen** (Mar2016), **John Schifsky** (Mar2016), **Jo Thompson**, (Mar2016) vice chair, **Paul Voge**, chair (Mar2014), **Larry Zanko** (2016)
 Email: PlanningZonng@duluthtownship.org

Peace Officers: **Chief Shawn Padden**,
Officers: Mike Peterson and Steve Peterson.
 Emergencies 9-1-1, Messages 525-5705 or 393-8407
 Email: DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org

Fire Department: **Chief Bob Engelson, Assistant Chief Keith Darsow**, President **Shane Kerby**
 Email: FireHall@duluthtownship.org

Burning Permits are available online at mndnr.gov/permits or the **Town Hall** (office hours), or from **Fire Wardens:** Jay Zink (525-5589), Jeff & Carolyn Marino (525-6431), or **DNR Two Harbors**, 1568 Hwy2, 834-1418.

Community Education Coordinator. (vacancy announced)
EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org

Recreation Coordinator: **Kevin Pettis** 525-0663 ext 301
RecreationCoordinator@duluthtownship.org

Note: Where possible, email is forwarded to the person, otherwise it is sent to the Town Hall where it is picked up. Many Departments have a web page. See our web site (above).



Township Recycling Center
 At the Town Hall, on Homestead Road
 Staffed by Carolyn Marino, Patrick Kelly,
 David Hooley and Roger Beck.

Nov.-March: Tues. 7-11am, 2-6pm,
 Thurs. 2-6pm, & Sat. 8-noon.

April-Oct: Tuesday 7-11am & 3-7pm, Thurs. 3-7pm, Saturday 8-12.

(Recycle drop off only during recycling hours
 and no household garbage, please.)

Aluminum cans should be recycled with plastics/metal cans.
 Curb recycling pickup service is available below the freeway.

Surveillance cameras have been installed around the Town Hall because of recent vandalism and garbage dumping.

Township Calendar

See calendar updates on www.duluthtownship.org.

Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

NOVEMBER 2013

- 5, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
 6, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
 6, Wed, 6:30pm public **Senior Housing** information meeting, Town Hall
 12, Tue, 12:00 Duluth Township Knitters, Town Hall
 14, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
 19, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
 19, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
 28, Thu, **No meeting of Planning Commission**

DECEMBER 2013

Note: Planning Commission Nov/Dec meeting will be posted (regular schedule conflicts with holidays).

- 3, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
 4, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
 10, Tue, 12:00 Duluth Township Knitters, Town Hall
 12, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
 17, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
 17, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training, Hall #1
 23, Wed, **Deadline for January Newsletter**
 26, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

JANUARY 2014

- 1, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
 7, Tue, 12:00 Duluth Township Knitters, Town Hall
 7, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
 9, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
 21, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
 21, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training Hall #1
 23, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

For Internet Updates

Lake Connections' (fiber optic service) web site is www.lakeconnections.com. It contains information on services and costs plus progress on installation. **Lake Connections' office is at 409 17th Ave, Two Harbors. 218-834-8320.**

Lakenet For information contact Kevin Olson at **Coop Light and Power in Two Harbors, 834-2226 or kolson@clpower.com.**

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2013

Inside This Issue:

- Town Board & Planning Meetings
- Police and Fire Information
- Road work update
- *Jobs wanted by Township youth*
- Recreation news
- Township **Calendar**
- The new JOC and "use agreement"



Duluth Township Newsletter
6092 Homestead Road
Duluth, MN 55804

PRSRSTD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 721
DULUTH, MINN.

If your name or address are in error or you know of someone who is not receiving a Newsletter, please send a note to the Newsletter Editor at the Town Hall (email: Editor@duluthtownship.org). Extra copies are also available in the Town Hall.

994 Newsletters are mailed to Duluth Township homes, businesses and on request. Copies are available at the Town Hall. Please send your comments and suggestions to the volunteer Newsletter editor, Don McTavish at the Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804 or use the NewsBox on the Town Hall porch. Our Newsletter is printed locally by Bob Sundstrom, **BB&K Printing**, and mailed for us by the folks at **UDAC**.

218-834-3310



Stay at Home

Pet care in your home.

Daily • Weekends • Vacations • Holidays

www.stayathomepetcare.com

Paid Advertisement

Reading Help!

Personalized tutoring for any age using the *Orton Gillingham Method*.
Connie Carlin, B.S., M.Ed. 525-4723

Paid Advertisement

French River Readers Book Club

For November, the French River Readers are reading *The Zookeeper's Wife* by *Diane Ackerman*. Thursday, Nov. 21st (monthly on the 3rd Thurs), at 7:30pm in the Fire-side Room of French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road. Kay Libby and Rhonda O'Leary will be the hosts. Questions? call or email Carol Surine, 525-4426 or carolsurine@gmail.com or see our web site: www.duluthtownship.org/bookclub. All are welcome.

LOOKING FOR A HOME TO RENT? or
LOOKING FOR A RENTER FOR YOUR NICE HOME?

Call **Apartment & Advisors** – we can help!
We specialize in properties of distinction and we help
"take the stress out of moving".
Call Susie Lannon at 218-720-3987

Paid Advertisement

Certified Instructors Inc.

Firearms Safety Instruction

Basic Pistol • Concealed Carry • Personal Protection



Certified N.R.A. Pistol Instructor
Stephen R Brown

1702 W. Knife River Rd.
Two Harbors, MN 55616



c.i.inc@dishmail.net

(218) 525-2483

Paid Advertisement



AAA — 24 hour service
525-4415

Jump Start, Door unlock,
Tire change, Fuel delivery.
All major credit cards accepted.

Serving the Two Harbors Area
Torgeson Road

Paid Advertisement